

# FREEDMAN CASH TO AID THOSE ONCE RICH

Home Will Be Built With \$7,000,000 Estate for Aged Victims of Reverses.

## NO CONTEST OF THE WILL

Andrew Freedman, capitalist and former politician, left the bulk of his \$7,000,000 estate for the establishment of a home for the aged indigent. The home will care for those of both sexes, and will be unique in that Mr. Freedman stipulates in his will, which will be filed with the Surrogate this morning, that the trustees shall limit its occupants to "those who have been in good circumstances, but by reason of adverse fortune have become poor and dependent." Another provision is that where husband and wife are received into the home they shall be allowed to dwell together.

The specific bequests of cash in the will provide for payments of less than \$100,000, and during the life of Mr. Freedman's mother and sister they will receive half of the income of the residuary estate. The other half will be for founding and maintaining the home, and upon the death of Mrs. Freedman's mother and sister the home will receive all the income. Upon the death of either of these legatees the surviving relative will get her share of the income.

## Income of Estate \$350,000 a Year.

The income is about \$350,000 a year, so that the institution, which will be named the Andrew Freedman Home, will receive \$175,000 until the death of Mrs. and Miss Freedman.

Daniel H. Freedman, the sole brother, receives \$50,000 in cash. He told a reporter for The Sun that he did not expect a contest in the most remote thing from his mind.

"I myself, and my mother and sister, are highly pleased with the will," said Mr. Freedman. "My mother had planned this for years; he wanted to leave his estate to charity, and the existing charities did not exactly suit him. Finally he thought of establishing a home for those who had been in good circumstances, and decided to do it."

The will was drawn on August 9, 1907, and a codicil was added on February 23, 1910, and another on August 9, 1912. Mr. Freedman obtained an order from Surrogate Fowler yesterday directing the Hanover Safe Deposit Company to permit the will to be opened for the vault for a new will, but none was found.

The executors and trustees of the estate are Samuel Untermyer, Walter G. Oakman and the Guaranty Trust Company. In the event of the death of either Mr. Untermyer or Mr. Oakman, Alvin Untermyer, now dead, Richard Croker, Jr., August Belmont, De Lancey Nicolai, Valentine P. Snyder, Walther Hughes, Jacob H. Schiff, Nathan Strauss, Edward E. McCull, Marshall S. Driggs, Aaron Bond, Henry A. Gilder-Schlesinger, Charles E. Rushmore, Timothy P. Sullivan (now dead), John H. Campbell, Charles J. Wittenberg, Daniel B. Freedman, Alvin Untermyer and Charles S. Guggenheimer.

Until the foundation of the home, which, I trust, may be accomplished without any appreciable delay after my death," the will states the entire income is to be paid to Mr. Freedman's mother and sister.

The will provides that if for any reason the home cannot or shall not be established, the income is to be paid to the seven institutions which now receive \$5,000 each.

## Trustees of the New Home.

The request is made that the following men act as trustees of the home for at least one year and as long thereafter as they may be willing: Walter G. Oakman, Samuel Untermyer, Stephen Baker, Eugene L. Hughes, John Fox (now dead), Herman Riddler (now dead), Richard Croker, Jr., August Belmont, De Lancey Nicolai, Valentine P. Snyder, Walther Hughes, Jacob H. Schiff, Nathan Strauss, Edward E. McCull, Marshall S. Driggs, Aaron Bond, Henry A. Gilder-Schlesinger, Charles E. Rushmore, Timothy P. Sullivan (now dead), John H. Campbell, Charles J. Wittenberg, Daniel B. Freedman, Alvin Untermyer and Charles S. Guggenheimer.

## FILES BRINCKERHOFF CLAIM.

White Plains Man Who Lent Heir \$1,500 in 1907 Acts Against Estate. A claim against the estate of Edwin O. Brinckerhoff, who died on Tuesday in Bloomingdale Hospital, where he had been confined for nearly forty years, was filed in the Surrogate's Court yesterday. Mr. Brinckerhoff left more than \$1,000,000, which will be distributed among his heirs at law.

One heir is Frederick W. Cooper, a nephew, who borrowed \$1,500 in 1907 and agreed to pay it out of his share of the Brinckerhoff estate. The claim was filed by C. Bell Caldwell of White Plains, who lent the money.

## DROP CONTEST ON SLOAN WILL.

Relatives Agree to Acceptance of \$325,000 by St. Luke's Hospital. An accounting filed yesterday by the Farmers Loan and Trust Company, as temporary administrator of the estate of George H. Sloan, who died in 1908, from a sanitarium in Westchester county on July 28, 1914, and committed suicide, shows that the contest of his will has been dropped.

Mr. Sloan, who left an estate of \$1,561,437, gave the bulk of the estate for life to his mother, Mrs. Alvin C. Sloan of Oswego, and provided that after her death the principal was to go to St. Luke's Hospital. Robert S. Sloan, a brother, and Mrs. Helen L. Danner, a sister, who got only \$15,000 each, brought suit with their mother to break the will on account of the gift to St. Luke's.

The accounting shows that the hospital has accepted \$325,000 in full settlement. The remainder will be distributed among the heirs.

## MRS. TAYO SANDS LEFT \$12,137.

Widow of Mrs. W. K. Vanderbilt's Son Willing \$5,000 to Governors. The appraisal of the estate of Mrs. Tayo Sands, who died on August 23, 1914, in Paris, France, she left only \$12,137. She was the widow of George Whitcomb Sands, son of Mrs. W. K. Vanderbilt, who was killed in an automobile accident in France in 1908. Mrs. Sands gave \$5,000 to Andrew Pitiot, for many years governor in her family, and left the remainder of her estate to her two children, Barbara and George Whitcomb Sands.

Mrs. Sands named Mrs. Vanderbilt and Owen L. Mills guardians for her two children and asked that Mr. Pitiot be retained as governor.

## MRS. KERNOCHAN HAD \$896,042.

Wills of Husband's Relatives All She Inherited From Him. The estate of Mrs. Eliza S. Kernochan, who died on December 20 last and was the widow of William S. Kernochan, was appraised yesterday at \$896,042. Of this amount \$100,000 was the value of her interest in \$225,000 real estate left by her father, Benjamin H. Kernochan.

Mrs. Kernochan left to her husband's relatives all the property she inherited from him, in addition to which she also inherited from her mother, Mrs. H. Kernochan's brother, Dr. Frederick S. Kernochan.

# U. S. GIRLS BECOME WAR VICTIMS' GODMOTHERS

Former Students in France Form Group to Send Aid to a Child.

## OTHERS TAKE UP IDEA

Once upon a time when France was happy a group of seven American girls, each a student of one or another of the arts in Paris, formed a friendship which has remained so steadfast that every Christmas here in New York since their return they assemble around a studio Christmas tree to exchange presents and enjoy a festive party generally.

But this year when they got together to arrange for their annual Christmas party a new idea came to them. That was only one week ago, but already the idea is looming large and lusty.

Late yesterday afternoon all of the seven and their friends—women writers, artists, sculptors—who could be on hand met at the studio of Miss Alice Houghton at 2 East Twenty-third street for an organization meeting of the "Composite Godmother" group or units, who at next to no expense to each member obligated themselves to adopt a French child made an orphan by the war.

"France was our godmother in her sunny days," Miss Katherine Glover said in explaining the "Composite Godmother" group. "Whatever any of us earns by writing, modeling or painting in France we will give to the child we have adopted. For as little as \$2 a month a little French boy or girl may be placed in the home of a good family, work intelligently when the time comes for the orphan to go to work."

## What Small Sums Can Do.

If the combined contributions of an entire group total \$20 a month, or \$240 a year, the child of a professional man of Paris killed in battle may be raised and educated to a profession also quite well as the father would have been able to have educated him.

What especially appeals to this parent group of the "Composite Godmother" idea is the personal note in their work, which is altogether lacking where one person or several contribute to any of the countless war-time efforts devoted to the needs of suffering mankind.

When the "Composite Godmother" groups adopt a child they receive through the cooperation of the "Composite Godmother" fund of Paris a photograph of the particular child the group has adopted, together with the name of the orphan and a detailed account of his misfortunes, address of the family it has been placed with and just how the money sent by the group is being devoted to its upbringing.

There is nothing to prevent a generous individual from making an entire

## Lawyer and Receiver Held for Conspiracy

Robert P. Levis and F. W. Wakefield Accused in Connection With Bankruptcy. Robert P. Levis, member of the law firm of Rosenberg, Levis & Ball, 74 Broadway, a firm which has been prominent in handling bankruptcy cases, was arrested yesterday afternoon charged with conspiracy. With him was arrested Frederick W. Wakefield, 135 West 125th street, who is credit man for Cheney Bros., silk manufacturers at Eighteenth street and Fourth avenue. Both men were arraigned before Judge Malone and held in \$1,000 bail, which a surety company furnished.

The investigation leading to their arrest has been conducted since last April and concerns the affairs of the Jackson, Mack Manufacturing Company, which went into the hands of receivers in 1912 with debts of about \$400,000 and assets of about \$150,000. After the receivership of Salo J. Jackson, president of the company, was conducted of grand larceny for getting credit on false statements regarding the firm's financial condition and was sent to prison for from three and a half to seven years. Joseph S. Mack, the other partner, was indicted on the same charge. He disappeared until about ten days ago, when he gave himself up and was held in \$2,000 bail.

Wakefield was the receiver for the Jackson, Mack Manufacturing Company. Levis was counsel to Wakefield. It is alleged that Mack's brother, John Mack, consulted Walter Carroll Low, an attorney of 345 Broadway, about arranging an agreement with creditors of the firm so that Joseph Mack could return to New York.

Wakefield, in view, it is charged, Levis, Wakefield, Mack and Low and Milton H. Kleinberger attended a dinner at the Claridge on March 21 last. There it was decided, according to the indictment, that if the books of the bankrupt firm were to disappear Mack could not be convicted.

The indictment relates that last July it was arranged that \$50,000 was to be paid for these books. The money was to be divided equally among Kleinberger, Levis and Wakefield. The books were sold on credit to the latter on November 29, it is charged, and they were bought in by an agent of the District Attorney, who paid for them with an envelope supposed to contain money.

The books are now in possession of District Attorney Perkins, who says he heard of the scheme through Mr. Low. Nowhere in the indictment are Levis's partners mentioned.

## WILLS AND APPRAISALS.

MAX H. STRAUS, who died on June 23 last, left \$1,145,452, of which he gave \$5,000 to his wife and children. He had \$14,374 in cash, \$1,145,452 in real estate, \$1,145,452 in the Long Island Kitting Mills, of which he was president.

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## NAVY YARD SMOKE LESSENER.

Mechanical Stokers Are Installed on Brooklyn Boilers. The escape of dense fumes from the two chimneys of the power plant at the Brooklyn navy yard has been diminished, according to a statement issued from the Health Commissioner's office yesterday.

After representations of the annoyance caused by the smoke from the power plant, the Secretary of the Navy, Daniel C. Elihu, ordered the installation of mechanical stokers on the four of the twelve boilers. The similar equipment is promised for the remaining boilers.

## COLORADO WETS STOCK UP.

State Goes Dry Jan. 1 and Drinkers Prepare for Drought. DENVER, Dec. 8.—Many Colorado men are doing their Christmas drinking early. Nearly \$3,500,000 worth of wet goods is to be disposed of before midnight December 31. For on New Year's day Colorado's statewide prohibition law goes into effect. The state is buying in a big supply of the dry apple.

Keeping better in private club bottles will be illegal even the use of lockers in the city will be unlawful.



Photo by Jesse Tarbox Beak, Inc. Miss Zella de Milhau.

"group" of herself—or himself, for that matter—and a group of individuals "godmother" or "godfather" may "adopt" a crippled soldier or devote the contributions to brightening the life of a young girl in France. The plan is to have the plan signed. This lease has been drawn for twenty-one years, with an option for renewal for a similar term. The negotiations have been conducted for six weeks through the New York Railway Company and Theodore P. Shonts of the Interborough Rapid Transit Company. The promoters of the scheme are expected here within a few days to sign the final papers.

Plans for the erection of the Coliseum, as it will be called, have been drawn by Thomas Lamb, architect of the Strand and Radio Theatres. The site is 200 feet on the west side of Eighth avenue and extends back on Forty-ninth street from the Strand to the Radio Theatre. It is 475 feet and on Fifty-fifth street for 450 feet. The new building will be about four stories high and constructed of brick, steel and concrete. The present walls of the car barn will be left standing.

In many respects it will resemble Madison Square Garden, except that it will be larger. The Coliseum will seat 15,000 persons and will be the second largest structure of its kind in the world, being exceeded only by the Olympia of London. The arena will measure 150 by 150 feet. It is expected the building will be ready for operation in June or July of next year.

Mr. McCellan, the showman of wide reputation, discussing a plan to build a new theatre, was hoping to be accompanied with the Coliseum, said last night.

"We expect to charge a flat admission price of 50 cents and the show will run from about 11 A. M. to midnight every day, including Sundays. Several other sites have been under consideration but this one was chosen principally because of its easy access from all parts of the city."

"The Coliseum, when finished, will also fill a long felt want for a convention hall. Of course, it is hoped that the Motor Boat Show, the Horse Show, the Sportsman's Show and similar events can be secured. Another point which was borne in mind in selecting this site has been the gradual trend of the theatres up town. We hope eventually to make this an amusement center of the city."

Mr. McCellan is to be the chief manager. He will be assisted in the work by Arthur Voeltgen, former scenic director of the Hippodrome.

## Want Schools to Adopt Idea.

The members of the parent "Composite Godmother" group are anxious to see the idea taken up in the schools. At an expense of five or ten cents a month from each pupil a school class could adopt a French child and raise it or an invalid soldier and have him instructed in some trade that his armless or legless condition would permit him following in later years.

Miss Mary Quinn of the art department of Pratt Institute is chairman of the parent "Composite Godmother" group. Its membership includes the Misses Janet Scudder, Alice Boughton, Tessa Kelo, Katherine Glover, Frances Delahanty, Claire Avery, Ida Haskell, Walter Edna, W. Chase, editor of the "Vogue," Zella de Milhau, who just returned to New York after months of driving a motor ambulance in France; Mrs. Toby Ross (Godmother, Mrs. Pearl Franklin Godfrey, Mrs. Matilde de Corredova and Mrs. Heloise Haynes.

The parent group hopes to see the teachers get together and form "Composite Godmother" groups too.

# COLISEUM PLANNED ON CAR BARN SITE

Eighth Ave., 40th to 50th Street, to Be Used for Amusement Place.

## TO HOUSE BIG EVENTS

Backed by promoters from Chicago and San Francisco, a deal has practically been concluded to build a coliseum on the car barn site on Eighth avenue, Forty-ninth to Fifty-fifth street, designed to take a place similar to that occupied by Madison Square Garden in the amusement life of New York. Two syndicates have been formed and an option has already been secured on the property. Between \$4,000,000 and \$5,000,000 is involved, including the cost of the building, which is to house a series of huge shows, the first one to be "The Panama Canal," one of the successful concessions of the San Francisco Exposition.

F. W. McCellan, formerly associated with Frederic Thompson in his Hippodrome and Coney Island enterprises, and now representing the promoters, made public details of the plan last night. Names of the backers will be withheld until a lease has been signed. This lease has been drawn for twenty-one years, with an option for renewal for a similar term. The negotiations have been conducted for six weeks through the New York Railway Company and Theodore P. Shonts of the Interborough Rapid Transit Company. The promoters of the scheme are expected here within a few days to sign the final papers.

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## 1,000,000 CHECKS FOR XMAS.

Westchester County Banks to Distribute Club Funds. Mount Vernon, N. Y., Dec. 8.—Next week many poor people in Westchester county will be made happy when the banks in Yonkers, Mount Vernon, White Plains, Port Chester, New Rochelle and Peekskill send out their Christmas checks. It is estimated that the banks in these places that conducted Christmas Clubs, which have caused many poor people to make merry, will pay out close to \$1,000,000.

In Mount Vernon the trust company will distribute \$210,000. Mack Manufacturing Company will send out Christmas checks for about \$142,000. In Yonkers many of the factories, which have been making weekly deposits, will receive large checks.

All the banks report gains in the Christmas funds over last year.

## Robbed by Three Masked Men.

Three masked men held up and robbed William D. Lee of 1917 Andrews avenue, The Bronx, early yesterday morning at University avenue and Burnside avenue. The three men, who were dressed in dark clothing and wore masks, were seen by a passerby who called the police. The men got a diamond pin and ring and a gold watch and \$7 in cash. Disappeared without a trace. Francis Martin lives nearby.

## CAPT. MORRIS OUT OF GUARD.

Municipal Court Jurist Was 13 Years in Militia. Capt. William E. Morris, commanding Company E of the Sixty-ninth Infantry, N. G. N. Y., has resigned after thirty years of continuous service because of inability to devote the necessary time to military service.

Capt. Morris, who is a Judge of the Municipal Court, is one of the few survivors of the famous battle of the Little Bighorn in 1876 against the Sioux Indians. At that time he was a private in Troop M, Second United States Cavalry and was with the battalion under Major Reno, which had separated from the troops under Gen. Custer. He was in a dangerous condition for a long time.

# FARR TELLS RILEY HE WAS FORCED OUT

Sing Sing Physician Says Osborne Threatened Him. Then Broke Word.

## GIRL EXPLAINS VISITS

ALBANY, Dec. 8.—Dr. Charles W. Farr, who handed his resignation as prison physician at Sing Sing to Warden Thomas Mott Osborne yesterday, told the State Superintendent of Prisons, John H. Riley, today that his resignation was forced because he had testified before the Westchester county Grand Jury.

Dr. Farr said Warden Osborne had demanded his resignation under threat of making public alleged circumstances attending the visit under escort of Mrs. Farr of a seventeen-year-old orphan girl to a prison convict nurse. Dr. Farr said that the young woman was 24 years old and that she had no more interest in the convict than any other uplifter. Dr. Farr told Supt. Riley that he has expected to retire from Sing Sing because of existing conditions and that in view of Warden Osborne's threat he thought this was as good a time as any to retire. Dr. Farr went back to work at the interpretation Warden Osborne put upon his resignation, declaring that the warden had said the matter would end with the doctor's voluntary resignation and that Warden Osborne had not kept his word.

Under the law Dr. Farr's resignation can only be accepted by the State Superintendent of Prisons, who has the sole power to appoint his successor. Warden Osborne has not yet forwarded Dr. Farr's resignation to Albany. Dr. Farr made it plain today that he did not seek reinstatement. Dr. Harry H. Mereness of Albany is the assistant physician at Sing Sing and Supt. Riley will continue him as the acting physician pending the appointment of a successor to Dr. Farr. There is an civil service eligible list for prison physician.

WHITE PLAINS, N. Y., Dec. 8.—It was reported today that the Westchester county grand jury may inquire into the reason for the resignation of Dr. Charles W. Farr, head physician of Sing Sing prison.

Matthe Elenberg, formerly a dentist in Manhattan, who is serving time for forgery, is to be produced as a witness before the Grand Jury to-morrow morning and he will be asked to tell what he knows about Dr. Farr permitting a young woman to visit him.

Friends of the doctor say that his resignation was forced because he told the grand jury of assaults with knives and other deadly weapons committed by convicts, which were never reported to the Westchester county prosecutor, but were tried before the court of the Mutual Welfare League.

Keeper Danner brought two more convicts from Sing Sing prison to the prosecutor's office this morning, but their names could not be learned. It is the general belief that their testimony involved the alleged charge that several convicts left the prison yard by the north gate and bought whiskey at a nearby saloon.

It is also charged that it was through the north gate that a convict named Bohak took a calf to the station of Isaac Grossman near by and sold the calf for \$10.

OSWING, N. Y., Dec. 8.—Indignation was expressed today by the General Assembly over the resignation of Dr. Charles W. Farr from the Sing Sing prison. Concerning notes she is said to have written to Elenberg, convict dentist, and visits to the prison, Miss Gensler said:

"The notes I wrote were simply to cheer him up and pertained only to his illness. I was never at the prison except when Mrs. Farr was with me."

Her family was provoked because it was stated she was only 17 years old when she was married to Dr. Farr. Miss Gladys Gensler said:

"I see nothing to make a fuss over," said Mrs. Gensler, the mother, "because I am used to the prison with Mrs. Farr. The statement that I had any feeling against the prison is untrue. Why, I went up with Mildred to see them after Mr. Osborne was here last night."

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Title	Artist	Price
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And other well known Dutch painters: J. Laurs, H. Heyliger, G. I. Suhr, Steer de Jong, H. A. Deenbach.

### English Paintings

Title	Artist	Price
Sisters, Landscape, Figures, Good Story, Grandmother.	Lee Hanky, Yeend King, R. Wainor, S. Muschump, F. Barrand, Blacklock.	\$114.00, \$149.00, \$174.00, \$349.00, \$149.00, \$179.00

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